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1 Submission of Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.131 and 1.132
2 Combined Declaration of Dr. Howard K. Surks and Dr. Michael E.
Mendelsohn under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.131 and 1.132

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SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.131 and 1.132

As requested by the Office, enclosed is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.131 and 1.132 executed by both Applicants in the instant case.

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMBINED DECLARATION OF DR. HOWARD K. SURKS AND DR. MICHAEL E.
MENDELSON UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.131 and 1.132

1. We are the inventors of the above-referenced patent application.
2. We have read the Office Action mailed November 4, 2004.
3. Any description of the above-referenced invention in Surks et al., J. Biol. Chem. 2003, 278:51484-51493 was our contribution alone, notwithstanding the inclusion of an additional author on the paper.
4. Claims 5, 6, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) by Inazawa et al. GenBank accession no. AB098507, which was published on June 21, 2003. The claimed invention was reduced to practice in the United States on or before May 12, 2003, as evidenced by the date of submission of SEQ ID NO: 19 of the instant application to GenBank (Exhibit A).

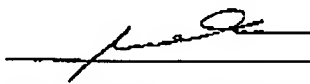
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Date: 6/20/05



Dr. Howard K. Surks

Date: 6/19/05



Dr. Michael E. Mendelsohn